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A man in St. Louis who gave a woman his seat in a street car fell out of the car window. Perhaps she thanked him politely for the seat, and the sudden shock made him lose his balance.

A Washington judge declares that mothers-in-law are a much-abused class, and that many things said of them are slanders. Would he attack the very corner-stone of established American humor?

The representatives of 36 nations some of them from the ends of the earth, sat down to a dinner at the New York Hudson-Fulton celebration the other day. It simply shows how in this twentieth century of the Christian era the world is getting acquainted with itself.

Spain's troubles in Morocco are not all due to the fighting ability of the Moors and the tribesmen. The proposition to seize and hold Tetuan is opposed by several of the European powers, and facing hostility from that quarter is a serious proposition.

Daughters of the American Revolution have appealed to the postmaster general to restore the head of Martha Washington to some one of the stamps of the present series. No doubt the request will be complied with. The recognition is deserved and will involve no violation of precedents.

The trips of exploration to find the pole have developed the fact that there is unlimited coal in Greenland and Ellesmere Land. This ought to calm the pessimistic whose minds are weighted with the barrowing knowledge that there is coal enough left to last only for a few thousand more years.

A Roman paper says that everything Italian is despised in the United States. This is an extreme statement and an unjust one, but Italy has itself to blame if its Mafia and "Black Hand" gangs have not increased respect and admiration for the nationality which apparently is either unable or unwilling to suppress them.

Boston is rejoicing over the fact that one of the great transatlantic steamship lines has placed an order for a steamer of 20,000 tons to be placed on the Boston-Liverpool route. Undoubtedly this will be an advantage to Boston, which will have one of the largest and most modern vessels at its service. But one cannot help feeling that there would be still more cause for rejoicing were the big ship to sail under the Stars and Stripes instead of a foreign flag.

If the Belgian postal authorities base their recommendation for the use of different colored envelopes to signify given destination for letters put into Belgian mails, upon a known willingness on the part of the people to co-operate with the government in simplifying the transmission of postal matter, then a splendid spirit of oneness of interest must exist in the little country. For the United States to suggest any such thing would be apt to be looked upon by American citizens as an unwarranted interference with their rights and liberties.

There is living in the city of Prague an architect whose name is Riktr. He ought to draw some plans and specifications to put a few vowels in his name.

A statue of William H. Seward now adorns the city of Seattle. Some day there will be one in Sitka. Seward had only a slight foregleam of what he was getting for his country from Russia when he bought Alaska, but even that was a ray of light as compared with the ignorance and indifference of most Americans.

In Great Britain the inevitable appears to be a general election.

Physicians were unable to diagnose the case of a man who recently died at a Philadelphia hospital. When an autopsy was performed it was found that in his stomach were a can opener, pins, nails, needles, a pencil stub, a trunk key, several links of iron chain and a collection of pebbles and buttons. No wonder the doctors failed. What was needed to make the diagnosis in this case was a junk dealer.

## ASSASSINS AT WORK

HIGH OFFICIALS IN THREE COUNTRIES ARE VICTIMS OF "REDS."

### PREMIER STABBED IN SEOUL

Bomb and Knife Are Used by Assassins in a Remarkable Series of Political Acts of Violence—Wide-spread Plot Is Seen.

Seoul, Korea.—Yie Chamm Yong, a Korean, Wednesday stabbed and fatally wounded Premier Yi, the head of the Korean cabinet.

The assassin was immediately arrested. He is a youth of about 20 years and is believed to be a member of a political secret society.

The premier was removed to the hospital, where it was said he was dying.

Premier Yi was formerly minister of education in the Korean cabinet. He became prime minister in May, 1907, when a reconstruction of the cabinet followed a five-hour audience that Marquis Ito, the Japanese resident, had with the emperor. Yi was regarded as a firm and competent officer, but his efforts to carry out the policy of the new administration met with continual and determined opposition from his political adversaries.

The assassin was a young Christian, who was for many years a resident of the United States. The premier was riding in his jinkishwa when the assailant came up with a long kitchen knife in his hand. He drove this twice into the abdomen of the premier and once into the latter's lung.

The assassin then turned on the premier's jinkishwa man, whom he stabbed and instantly killed.

St. Petersburg.—Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated Wednesday. He had been enticed to a modest apartment in a remote street of the Viborg district and there was blown to pieces by a bomb, exploded, supposedly, by his host, one Michael Vosskressensky, who had leased the rooms for a few days.

The murderer rushed into the street following the explosion and was captured. An assistant of Karpoff's who had accompanied him, was severely injured.

Karpoff was appointed from Baku, where he had been chief of the secret police. There have been several convictions of bombmakers recently.

Bombay, British India.—Arthur Mason Tippetts Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasik, in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated Wednesday by a native while attending a theatrical performance.

The motive for the murder is supposed to have been a wish for revenge upon the magistrate, who had recently sentenced a criminal to life imprisonment.

Washington.—An official dispatch received by the state department from Bucharest said that the prime minister of Roumania had been shot and seriously wounded by a Roumanian anarchist.

### 600 ARE KILLED IN BATTLE

Gen. Estrada Scores a Complete Victory Over Zelayan Forces—Two Americans Are Killed.

Bluefields, Nicaragua.—Gen. Estrada Wednesday won a complete victory over the government troops at Rama. A total of 600 men of both armies was killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered, including Gen. Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported killed.

The fighting occurred outside the city limits. The wounded are being brought here. Commander Shipley has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

Estrada has captured Rocio, Gen. Vasquez's strongest position, and he has been victorious all along the line, which stretches for a distance of eight miles.

The casualties on the government side were high, the greatest execution being done at Rocio, which the revolutionists finally took by assault. Tumbalia, a short distance from Rocio, was captured by Gen. Mens after a bloody fight.

### Warriner Gets Six Years.

Cincinnati.—"I'm free for the first time in ten years," said Charles L. Warriner, the defaulting treasurer of the Big Four, who was Wednesday sentenced to six years at hard labor in the state penitentiary. Warriner had pleaded guilty to embezzlement by prearrangement between the county prosecutor and his attorneys.

### Senator McLaurin Is Dead.

Jackson, Miss.—United States Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly Wednesday night at his home in Brandon. Death was due to an attack of heart failure. When the fatal stroke came upon him Senator McLaurin was seated in a rocking chair in front of the fireplace in his library.

### Prisoner Held for Murder.

Bedford, Ind.—Bert Owens, aged 27, was arrested Wednesday on a grand jury indictment charging him with the murder of George B. Moss, a merchant, who was found dead in his storeroom on Thanksgiving morning.

### Tire Makers' Strike Grows.

Hartford, Conn.—The tire makers' strike at the Hartford rubber works grew in size Wednesday when the number of men out reached 350. The officers refuse to confer with the strikers as an organized body.

## PARTY UP A TREE—"I HOPE SHE CHOKES."



### FIRE IN INSANE HOSPITAL

ANNEX TO CENTRAL ASYLUM AT JACKSONVILLE BURNS.

Hundred Patients Scantly Clad Escape During Excitement—Fear Some Are Burned to Death.

Jacksonville, Ill.—A hundred or more scantily clad lunatics roamed the country after being liberated from imprisonment by a fire which destroyed the north wing of the Northern Hospital for the Insane Tuesday.

Several firemen were injured by falling walls in the fight to prevent the blaze from spreading to the main part of the building.

Nearly 1,500 insane men and women were liberated, but the quick work of the guards prevented the majority of them from fleeing beyond the limits of the asylum.

Wild panic followed the breaking out of the blaze in the north wing. Hundreds of helpless inmates, screaming and struggling at the windows and doors, fought fiercely with the guards, who tried to conduct an orderly retreat to other parts of the asylum.

Many escaped in the first throes of the panic. Their clothing, such as they had on, was torn off in the struggling mass of humanity in the corridors, and of those who escaped nearly all are roaming about in thin night clothing, while some are practically naked. Posses of officers and citizens are searching for the fugitives.

The fire burned until after midnight before it was under control and danger to the hundreds of inmates in the other wings minimized.

### BANKER'S WIFE IS JAILED

Mrs. Edith L. Allen and Her Sister Are Charged with Concealing Property.

Madison, Wis.—Mrs. Edith L. Allen, wife of Philip Allen, Jr., who wrecked the First National bank of Mineral Point, Mrs. Allen's sister, Miss Addie Jackson, stenographer and bookkeeper of the Redford Sash and Door Company of Chicago, and their brother-in-law, Guy Roe of Winona, Minn., president of the Union Fiber Company of that city, were arrested on complaint of United States District Attorney Gordon, charging them with conspiring to conceal property turned over to them by Allen since he was declared an involuntary bankrupt on November 26.

The defendants were arraigned before Commissioner Blake, pleaded not guilty and were bound over for their preliminary hearing on January 4. Unable to furnish bail of \$5,000 each they were committed to jail.

### THREE CLERKS DIE IN FIRE

London Department Store Burns When Crowded with Christmas Shoppers—Loss \$2,500,000.

London.—At least three lives were lost and many persons were seriously hurt in a fire which destroyed the big drapery store of Arding & Hobbs at Clapham, a southwestern quarter of London Monday.

The fire was due, it is believed, to the breaking of an electric light bulb among celluloid articles. The store, which covered an acre of ground and had five floors and a hundred departments, was crowded with Christmas shoppers. In little more than an hour the building was a mass of ruins. The damage is estimated at \$2,500,000.

### Proves He Was Not Lost in Wreck.

Ashtabula, O.—G. Lawrence, porter on the wrecked car ferry Marquette & Bessemer No. 2, supposed to have been drowned when the boat sunk two weeks ago, Wednesday walked into the office of the Marquette & Bessemer Company at Conneaut, O. He had since been in Port Stanley.

### King Menelik Still Lives.

Addis Abeba, Abyssinia.—The Ethiopian government Wednesday gave official assurance that King Menelik still lives, though his condition is grave.

## BARONESS LEAVES BELGIUM

LEOPOLD'S QUEEN TAKES TRAIN FOR FRANCE.

Accepts Government's Hint That Expulsion Awaited Her Unless She Voluntarily Departed.

Brussels.—Baroness Vaughan, whom Leopold made his queen in fact, if not in name, quietly left Belgium, accepting the hint of the government that if she did not depart voluntarily she would be expelled from the country.

The baroness packed up those magnificent furnishings of her chateau which were the personal gifts of King Leopold and forwarded them across the frontier. She herself took a train for France.

Prince Albert's happy plan to reunite the exiled and separated family was fulfilled. As Baroness Vaughan passed out forever from Belgian life, Princess Louise triumphantly entered the city and was officially greeted at the station and acclaimed by the people. She was conducted with royal honors to the Chateau Bevedere, which henceforth will be her official home.

A vast crowd viewed the body of the late king. Many of the people who came in from the provinces were incensed that the gates were closed at three o'clock and they tried to force an entrance. In the panic people were trodden on, garments were torn and women fainted. Quite a number were injured. Finally the palace was reopened and the visitors were allowed to file past the catafalque.

Brussels.—The body of Leopold II, king of the Belgians, was placed in the royal burial vault in the Church of St. Mare at Laeken, the suburban residence of the royal family. Near it rests the remains of his queen, Marie Henriette; the Princess Josephine and the young duke of Brabant.

The funeral and burial were conducted with all the pomp and ceremony of which the state was capable, despite the wish expressed by the monarch in his will that the obsequies should be of the simplest.

### CREW BATTLE AGAINST FIRE

Three Men Forced to Take Refuge in Yawl—Almost Perish in Cold.

Loraine, O.—The fishing tug Penelope of Cleveland burned four miles off shore Sunday. The crew of three escaped, after a battle with ice floes in bitter cold, which almost cost them their lives.

The boat, which belongs to A. H. Langell of Cleveland, was bound for its winter quarters at St. Clair, Mich.

Capt. Charles Inches discovered fire in the woodwork above the engine room and in a few moments his position and that of the engineer and fireman became perilous.

While they were endeavoring to cast loose the larger of two yawls they carried, the yawl caught fire. They were forced to take refuge in the other, the smaller one, where there was barely room for the three to crawl in.

The sides of the tug were in flames before they launched their little craft. There had been no time to don extra wraps and the day was one of the coldest of the winter.

The men, their oars and their beards were crusted with ice before they had gone a mile.

### "GOLDEN STATE" IS WRECKED

Limited Rock Island Train Derailed on Curve—Two Persons Are Killed, 23 Injured.

Tucson, Ariz.—Engineer Tom Walker and Fireman P. W. Bauer, both of Tucson, were killed, ten persons were seriously injured and 13 others cut and bruised when the east-bound Golden State Limited, a Rock Island train running over the Southern Pacific tracks west of El Paso, was wrecked three miles west of Benson Sunday. The most seriously injured were brought to St. Mary's hospital at Tucson.

The train was running 30 miles an hour. Southern Pacific officials say the train struck a curve at too high speed.

The injured were nearly all in the tourist sleepers and in the mail car.

### INDICT MORE SUGAR MEN

Federal Grand Jury Bring in Number Indictments Against Arbutle Employees.

New York.—The federal grand jury which is investigating the sugar frauds Monday handed down a number of new indictments directed against former employees of the Arbutle Company.

Bench warrants have been issued and as soon as the men are arrested the names will be made public. It is stated that in the case of the frauds in the Arbutle refinery there was no manipulation of the scales, the method employed there being simple bribery of government weighers to have them report short weights.

### Two Struck by Train.

Delaware, O.—Anna and Albert Darst, 17 and 18 years of age, respectively, children of Emory Darst, a farmer, were run down by a Hocking Valley passenger train, Tuesday, and probably fatally injured.

### Chinamen Ordered Deported.

Hancock, Mich.—Nine Chinamen arrested in the copper country in violation of the exclusion act were Tuesday ordered deported by United States Commissioner Olivier of Hancock.

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